

State Water Resources Control Board

June 27, 2018

(Via email and Certified Mail)
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Mr. Pat Martinez
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEM
LOCATED AT EASTERN PLUMAS HEALTH CARE, 500 FIRST AVENUE,
PORTOLA**

Dear Mr. Martinez:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the UST at your facility on June 21, 2018, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Maintain Tank Information Form – In CERS, the tank manufacturer is listed as Fluid Containment; however, a Xerxes tank was identified during inspection. The tank construction lists steel-clad with FRP; however, it should list fiberglass primary containment and fiberglass secondary containment. Additionally, overfill protection lists “no” for fill tube shut-off valve; however, it should list “yes.” Under fill components installed, containment sump lists “yes”; however, it should list “no.” Under corrosion protection isolation lists “no” however, it should list “yes.”	Diesel	June 21, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)

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2	Failure to Maintain Site Map – An approved plot plan/site map indicating the location of the product piping, tanks, and auxiliary equipment, with respect to buildings or other landmarks, was not available in CERS or onsite at the time of the inspection.	Diesel	June 21, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)(8)
3	Failure to Provide Designated Operator (DO) Training – A current employee training form was not present at the time of inspection. Employee training must be conducted by the DO annually.	Diesel	June 21, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2715(f)
4	Failure to Install Line Leak Detectors (LLD) – Failure to install functional LLD with the ability to detect a 3 gph leak.	Diesel	June 21, 2018	Ongoing	H&SC 25291(f); 23 CCR 2636(f)(2)
5	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensor located inside the turbine sump was unable to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity because it was not located at the lowest point in the sump. Additionally, the testing boots attached to the product and return lines leading to each boiler were not pulled back.	Diesel	June 21, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d)
6	Failure to Tag Monitoring Equipment – A current monitoring certification tag was not affixed to the annular sensor at the time of inspection.	Diesel	June 21, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2638(f)
7	Failure to Install Monitoring Equipment According to Manufacturer's Instructions – The annular sensor was observed with a splice enclosed in an epoxy-pack, but, it was not enclosed within the explosion proof junction box.	Diesel	June 21, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2638(a)
8	Failure to Maintain Monitoring Plan – In CERS, the tank monitoring system and monitor panel model must be listed. Additionally, the leak sensor model listed is incorrect.	Diesel	June 21, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2632(d)(1), 2711(a)(9)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and Plumas County Environmental Health within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your DO make specific notations in the next monthly DO report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly DO report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

Mr. Douglas McDevitt
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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amanda Henkel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amantha Henkel
Senior Environmental Scientist
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement

cc: *(via email only)*

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